



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GEORGIA

- WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month presents an opportunity for every Georgian to prepare for all types of emergencies, from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks to public health threats; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen. All Georgians can take a few simple steps – creating a Ready kit, making a family disaster plan, and staying informed of potential threats – to help promote citizen preparedness and personal responsibility in every community; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, and officials in the federal, state, local, and private sectors are working to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies. These activities, along with a prepared and vigilant public, contribute to a level of state and national preparedness that is critical to the security of our communities, the State of Georgia, and our nation; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency maintains an ambitious and proactive Ready Georgia campaign to help Georgians become better prepared for emergencies by encouraging them to complete a personal profile on the Ready Georgia website at [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov); and
- WHEREAS: As we observe National Preparedness Month, the State of Georgia urges individuals, families, businesses and community organizations to follow this year's theme – “Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can.” – by taking the necessary steps to protect themselves and their loved ones before disaster strikes, while also contributing to initiatives for community-wide preparedness; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF